

Biographical Sketch for Kathleen Straker

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(a) Professional Preparation

Harding University	Searcy, AR	Education	BA
Abilene Christian University	Abilene, TX	Education	M.Ed.

(b) Appointments

University of Texas Medical Branch, Faculty Associate (1988-1993)
Prairie View A&M University, Consultant to the Undergraduate Medical Academy (2004-present)

(c) Publications

- (i) **Straker, K.C.** & Kelman, E.G. (2015). *Six Steps to College Success: Learning Strategies for STEM Students*. Houston, TX: Karista Press.
- (ii) **Straker, K.C.** & Kelman, E.G. (2007). *Vital Skills: Learning Strategies Every Nursing Student Must Know*. Houston, TX: Karista Press.
- (iii) Kelman, E.G. & **Straker, K. C.** (2000). *Study Without Stress: Mastering Medical Sciences*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- (iv) Igbo, I.N., Landson, M.J. & **Straker, K.C.** (2014). Nursing Student Retention Strategy: An Integrated Study Skills Elective. Caputi, L. (Ed.). *Innovations in Nursing Education: Building the Future of Nursing*, Volume 2. Washington, DC: National League for Nursing.
- (v) Igbo, I.N., **Straker, K.C.**, Landson, M.J., Symes, L., Bernard, L.F., Hughes, L. & Carroll, T.L. (2011, November/December). "Multidisciplinary approach: An innovative strategy to improve retention of nursing students from disadvantaged backgrounds." *Nursing Education Perspectives*, Volume 32, # 6, 375-379.

(d) Synergistic Activities

- Developed Vital Study Skills Critical-Thinking & Problem-Solving Workshop materials (2008-present)
- Organized annual pre-health sciences conference for area high school students (2010-2018)
- Co-created the Integrated Curriculum Evaluation Exercise (ICEE) at The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX (1991-1993)
- Introduced the first Problem-Based Learning (PBL) activity at The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX (1992)
- Served as Executive Chief Proctor for the U.S. Medical Licensing Exam (1992-1993)